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World's Week

By HAROLD L. WEIR Associate Editor and Daily Columnist of the Edmon-ton Bulletin

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With the fall of Singapore, the brunt of the Japanese offensive must now be expected to be projected against the last bastion of the South China Sea—the thin line of Netherlands East Indies Island from Sunatra through Java and Bali to Timor just off northern Australia — and against southern Burma.

These are the

These are last two allied strongholds by whose seizure the arold L. Weir Japanese might

Harold L. Weir Japanese might hope to consolidate their conquests which at present string out nearly 3,000 miles from Tokyo.

The opening of the acute phase of the battle for Rangoon was foreseen by the British command if or, whenever, Singapore should be compelled to surrender.

Consequently the British, Indian and Chinese forces in Burma are prepared to face the intensified struggle now directly ahead having the knowledge that tough days must be expected, but that Burma's defences have been built up considerably during the past six weeks.

front.
Since Rangoon may become the focus of much heavier thrusts overland toward the Sittang river and also by air, its outline is being adjusted to steps conditions—that is, war and defence necessities will hereafter dominate the city's functions.

functions.

Already the majority of non-essential shops and other business activities have been closed down and a very considerable evacuation of women and children

tion of women and children achieved.

If this is now carried still further, it will simply be in order to clear the ground for determined resistance throughout the southern Burma area which Lt. Gen. T. J. Hutton, commander in Burma, and his staff have pledged.

Thus, Burmas defenders, those who will do the most to preserve Rangoon's port and keep the Burma read from being cut, face decisive days realistically but with full knowledge of their responsibilities.

Islands and in Burma.

The problem of maintaining allied communications in the Indian ocean following the fall of Singapore is now actue. It must now be assumed that Japan will be able to employ both surface raiders and submarines over broad stretches of this vital body of water, and that she will be able to do so from bases even more convenient than those she now holds.

This will threaten not only communications with India, Australia and China but also those between the middle east war theatre and sources of supplies in the United States and Britain.

The problem now is to reduce

The problem now is to reduce these raiding operations to a minimum until that happy day when restored and reinforced American and British seapower will make it possible for the allies to assume the offensive.

Lines of communication / which must be protected with the limited means now at the allies command are astronomical in length.

British and American supplies

As bad as Singapores fall may seem—and its loss cannot be dismissed lightly—there may be some comfort in the fact that the Japs have now done what the Nazis did in occupying the Balkan countries all the way to Creste.

The Japanese, too, are running their lines very far and thinner and thinner. In either Burma or the Netherlands Indies their communications would be taxed to a tremendous degree and even what they already occupy may bleed them dangerously in the long run. It is already apparent that the war in the far east, like that in Europe and Africa, must be long.

Nevertheless, allied strength in the air and on land and sea alike is certain to grow steadily month

GET OUT ON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

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ship group, but due to lack or tune in arranging the program all the other groups co-operated with him.

During the devotional part of the meeting the scripture was given by Mary Currie. A prayer was then given by Solveig Steffenson which was followed by a solo sung by Hilda Klassen. A very interesting address was then given by Hilda Klassen. A very interesting address was then given by this part of the meeting.

After a collection had been takenup the following program was presented: plano solo by Jack Stead; vocal duet by Muriel Wilbraham and Kathleen Jones; reading by Isobel Craig; plano solo by Henry Kasten; bow drill by Edna Arnold, Muriel Wilbraham, Kathleen Jones, Jacqueline Tate, Alrima Hill and Marjorie Webber: skit by Deloraine Stockton and Harold Elliott; duet by Marion Longmire and Mary Currie. Everyone then retired to the basisment where a delicious lunch was served.

After Rev. Fawcett spoke a few March—Penny Stretchers; Mrs. Long; Mrs. A. Enger and Mrs. Per-Harold Elliott; duet by Marion and Longmire and Mary Currie. Evaluation of the ment where a delicious hunch was served.

After Rev. Fawcett spoke a few words of appreciation and Mrs. Pryce Jones, too, thanked the young people on behalf of all the older people present, the congregation joined in the singing of "God Save the King."

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"God Save the King."

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COUPON BOOKS AVAILABLE
OM MARCH 2nd

Car and truck licenses will be a controller for on and after April 1st, will have plenty of time to obtain their gas rationing coupon books.

The procedure will be as follows: Purchase your license, then obtain an application form from the post office for a coupon book. Fill in the form, giving your license number and if you are in Category A, as per instructions on the application form present this form to the issuer of car licenses, say \$1.00, which is the statutory fee, and you will receive your are in a different category the application must be forwarded to the Regional Control Office. Oil Controller for Canada, Williamson Ellock, Edmonton. The Oil Controller for Canada, Williamson Canada Canad

Rae.

May—Tribute to Mothers; Mrs.

Milne; Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Fischer; Mrs. E. Sanders.

June—Sonny's Saying; Mrs. McMillan; Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs

J. Rae; Mrs. Stewart.



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Order of National War Labour Bo to Employers and Employees:

An employer who was not paying his employees a cost of living bonus prior to February 15, 1942, may not start to pay such a bonus on or after that date, nor may an employer who has been paying such a bonus now increase it unless he has specific permission from a War Labour Boost

Whether in the future a bonus may be paid or changed in amount will depend on the National War Labour Board's anouncement in May 1942, with respect to any change in the cost of living index between October 1941, and April 1942, unless in a particular case a War Labour Board has given specific permission to do otherwise.

By Order of the National War Labour B HUMPHREY MITCH Minister of Labour and Chairman

Ottawa, Canada February 16, 1942



Cost Of Modern War

In connection with Canada's most recent war loan, some interesting figures regarding the cost of modern war were given out. This information was assembled by the Dominion Public Relations Committee of the Second Victory Loan, at Ottawa. The figures are, of course, approximate, but they reveal that a solder's personal equipment, excluding his rife, costs ninety-five dollars. A Bren machine gun costs three hundred and twenty-five dollars. A Bren machine gun costs three hundred and twenty-five dollars are two-pounder anti-tank gun, afteen hundred dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars; but the air force hundred thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; anti-aiteraft gun shells, two thousand dollars for a hundred rounds; and a five-hundred pound bomb costs one hundred thousand dollars; but the air force hundred thousand dollars; but the air force hundred thousand dollars; but the air force hundred for the first force hundred for with grated cheese.

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Pay As You Go Policy

We are told that the cost of the war this year alone will be greater than was that of the entire four years of the last war to the people of the Dominion. Wisely looking forward to the post-war period, when a large public debt will mean less financial stability, the government is trying as far as possible to finance the war on a "pay as you go" basis. Taxes and borrowing are the two main sources of government income and an attempt has been made so far, to raise the money for the war half from the taxes and half from loans. As our war effort increases it is likely that both these sources of revenue will have to be used to the utmost. Taxation is already heavy, and because of the price control regulations, aslest taxes, and possibly income taxes, will not be increased. It is expected, however, that corporation and excess profit taxes will grow, as may the National Defense Tax. Savings will be demanded increasingly in the form of war loans, and to ensure the growth of savings accounts, as well as to devote more labour and materials to the war work, it is likely that many fluxifies will display or in the United States, except, for military purposes. No doubt many other things, some insurires, some commonplace afficies, will cesse to be produced. It has been hinted also, that we may expect rationing in more things than sugar and gasoline.

More Sacrifices Necessary

Mr. G. W. Spinney, national chairman of the War Finance Committee, recently addressed the Winnipeg Canadian Club and the Winnipeg Board of Trade, and in the course of his address he said: "Capital expenditures outside the strict scope of war needs, except essential expenditures for the preservation of the health of the people, should not be condoned." Compared to the people of Britain, we have not yet made any appreciable sacrific of money or luxuries, but it appears that if we are to do our part in contributing to the defense of the Empire, we must be prepared to give up more and more; both of money, and of the many comforts which we enjoy. That Canadians will respond to this need there is no doubt, and there is no doubt either, that the more we sacrifice, the more satisfaction we shall feel in the part we are playing in the war that we are now fighting in order to maintain the principles of democracy.

Some sections of England played a game similar to baseball long before Columbus discovered America.

Danger! Liver Trouble is Serious







War Cannot Be Wos By Hoping The
Axis Will Collapse
The Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph
axys: Mussolini is a vain, fat, baidheaded man of 59, who also loves to
go around thumping on his bare
chest in emulation of youthful virility. He, too, may well be filtring
with the undertaker, but that does
not prove that Italy is about to
break into thirty thousand pieces.
The more we refrain from indulgence
in wishful thinking about how soon
the Axis countries are going to fall
aport, and the quicker we get busy
tearing them apart, the better it will
be for us.

HOME SERVICE



Have Much In Common cience magazine says the south-continents, South America, Africa Australia, are separated by the at oceans, nevertheless they have at oceans, nevertheless they have

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SO YOU'RE GOING TO DO A PLAY?

As the rehearsals proceed and the pattern for the business is set and fitted into the lines, you will find that the young Theepians put down of their scripts and try repeating the control of the series of the ser

All Crosses in Same Direction

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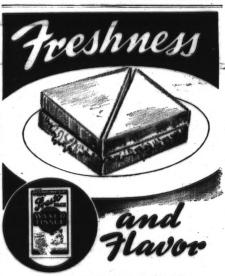
Ability And Toughness Of Troops
Have Made Them Famous
It can now be disclosed that. Norway has its own Commando, troops, especially trained volunteers, who for more than one year have been drilling "somewhere" in Great Britain, and whose ability and toughness are already famous. These Commando-soldiers have been participating in all the last raids on the Norwegian coast. The greater part of them are young men who have croased, the North Sea in small craft, mostly fishing vessels with the only desire; to fight the Nazis with every means and wherever possible. All of them have apecial knowledge of some part or other of the Norwegian coast, a knowledge very valuable for the planning and the carrying out of the important tasks now placed on the famous "Commandos." The Norwegian authorities regret he loss of one of the most able and brave Norwegian officers leading the assault on Maaloy. This same officer, a captain, was the first to stop ashore at Svoi-wegian officers leading the assault on Maaloy. This same officer, a captain, was the first to stop ashore at Svoi-wegian officers leading the assault on Maaloy. This same officer, a captain, and was mainly responsible for the founding up of the Germans and quisilings there. This time he rushed with a few of his boys directly to the German headquarters at Maaloy in order to ake the whole group of Nazis by surprise, but was himself killed in the brief engagement before the German officers surrendered.





POSTUM

Mr. T. N. Coffee Nerves.

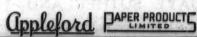


WHEN SANDWICHES ARE TO BE PREPARED FOR LUNCHES, PICNICS OR GUESTS, WRAP THEM IN A SHEET OF PRESTO WAXED TISSUE TO RETAIN THEIR FLAVOR AND TO KEEP THEM FRESH AND MOIST.



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"ALL THAT

g your fenders.

"Ranny, don't go to making fun
Tahlahneka now. These empty
arking places do have their advange," she said, turning in beside a
mahackle spring wagon. "That
toks like the Fetters conveyance.

"What model is that style of conyance?" Or aren't the new ones







out yet? Oh!" he said suddenly, "Fetten?—I'd surely like to talk with him again."
"Better not," she advised. "Better let it go unnoiteed. If he should repeat your questions and it got back to the major, then he would be suspicious of your interests."
"Yes, but if they took ore out of the Cricket Hill in February," he said hotly, "he neds to be more than suspicious."

suspicious."
Ranny sprang out of the green coupe and as he walked around to help her out, continued: "I've thought of it a lot since you signed those contracts. Maybe we did wrong to let it be kept a secret."

She laid her hand on his white linen sleeve. "Please don't, Ranny Things are going so well out at the

Things are going so well out at the mine."

"All right, it's your mine."

"I'm not dressed for dining in a hotel grille." Tamar said suddenly remembering her slacks.

"Well, perhaps not the Waldorf-Astoria." Ran agreed. "Come on, now, you know that there won't be a soul inside excepting a lone travelling salesman or two. Perhaps Dick. Sheridan and his Tather."

Marjean, the waitress, flicked off the table as they said down; idd it defity with a twist of her wrist and the red-checked towel. With another motion she set two glasses of water down. She handed them the menus and said nasally: "What'll it be to-day." While she waited for their decision, she pushed her red hair saide with the back of her hand. The most experienced waitress in Tahlahneka!

Tamar looked at her in dismay. Then she remembered that the grill's oysters really made up for the lack of service.

Ransome ordered expertly and in his deep voice that left Tamar withs deep voice that left Tamar withs

of service.

Ransome ordered expertly and in his deep voice that left Tamar with the feeling that he was now acting out of character. She mentally shook her head. Would ahe never remember that they were both grown up? And that after all, Ran was the youngest executive in his fother's bank, and had a right to express assurance in his very fine seeaking voice.

Task your somewhere 2" she asked without heard that tone before it had heard that tone before it had anger signal in it. Once more he was only 10° and a member of the exploying party, and she-by some right had attained the title of De Soto, and he must take her orders. "Ranny, you make me so mad!" "There's sparks in your eyes. Tamar, he wanted to say. Instead he asked. "Will you lunch with me Miss Randolph?" "Shall we 4ry the Kandy Kitchen" "I'why not?" "You left ut one word—dilly." They both laughed and looked up to see Dick and his father coming into the room. "Here come Sheri'd and Sheridan "said Ransome. I'm you also well to make with you. I'll beat you." Tamar sild forward on the edge and will you I'll beat you." Tamar sild forward on the edge of her seat. "Helio," she welcomed the Sheridans. "Of course I don't was just saying that he never gets to see you any more." "No, only morning, noon and inshifty grumbled Ransome to Dick. The older Sheridans eyes beamed. The older Sheridans eyes beamed. The older Sheridans eyes beamed.

"Twish we could buy a Victory Bond..."



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the car. Hanny nodded and said stilly: "Nice to have seen you. Tam."

She was busy with the starter and said: "Thanks for the—why Ransome Todd what's the matter with you?" Then she wanted to clap her hand across her lips to close off her question. Ran was jealous! She had thought so a little while ago and now it was perfectly evident. His eyes had a positive gleam of—something in them.

"Not a thing, Tamar. But did it ever occur to you that it might not be exactly the thing for you to run around over the country by yourself, now that there are so many men working around the Cricket Hill? I'm surprised at you."

"m surprised at you."

"Don't bother your head over me, Ran. I always have taken care of myself—and still can," she said defensively.

"Remember the time I pulled you out of the Chestatee? And the time you were so scared of lightning and wanted to run into the tunnel of the mine? And I didn't let you, and a big rock fell in the opening during the storm?"

"Go away, Ranny!" she smiled at him. "I'm a big girl now."

"And a very desirable big girl, tool" he said grimly. "Here comes your engineer!"

Just Sitts Of Light
Traffic lights in Pacific coast cities
are darkened down until there are
just sitte of light showing red and
green. Instead of the ball of light,
the shades have been arranged so
that just a tiny signal is given.

Got Used To It

An unnamed young soldier out in started is as enessage to you.

He didn't know he had a message. But he had A correspondent touring the new defences of Hawaii found him, in a secluded dugout, where he was siesping on the hard ground. Asked if that weam trpetty Eugh, the young soldier grinned, spat, and delivered his thesesage: "Was. Not now. Used to it."

The sconer we get into that frame of mind about how tough it is to undergo the thousand little inconveniences that go with war, as well as the real sacrifices, the better. The end of the war will be in sight when 11,000,000 people are saying about how tough it is to make their own ascrifices: "Was. Not now. Used to it."—Caigary Albertan.

Some sun spots are believed 50,000 miles in diameter.













Mr. Robert Hanson was in Ed-monton on business last week. Mrs. Blakley and Mrs. Frickel-ton returned from their visit to the coast last Friday evening.

Mrs. Tripp is in the city visiting the home of her niece, Mrs. W.

E. Mills.
Mrs. J. Fletcher and son Jack
were visitors in Edmonton over
the week-end.

the week-end.

In the V.V.R. provincial rifle shooting competition for January five man team, Killam again captured top honors with a perfect score of 500. Irma was awarded second place for the second consecutive time with a score of 494. Mr. John Ostad went to Edmonton the first of this week for eye treatment.

treatment.

There will be a moccasin dance on Friday, March 6, at R. W. Paterson's skating rink. Proceeds for the Red Cross. Lunch will be sold at the rink. Music by Coultman's orchestra. Admission, gents 25c.

man's orchestra. Admission, gents 25c.

Mr. Ross Sanders spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sanders, after completing a training course in munition production at Medicine Hat. He leaves next Friday for Fort William where he intends to do his bit in the production of implements of war.

The Glenholm Social Credit group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knudson on Friday evening, March 6. Neighbors and friends always welcome. Mrs. Wm. Bacon is in Viking Mrs. Mrs. Bacon is in Viking in Viking in Viking in Viking weekenders.

bors and friends always welcome.

Mrs. Wm. Bacon is in Viking hospital for treatment that may have to follow with an operation.

Mrs. Reeds was among others who took advantage of the excursion to spend a few days visiting her daughter Ruth who is attending Alberta college in Edmonto.

Mrs. Cooper was a visitor in Ed-nonton during the past week. Mrs. Arnold spent last week in

Rev. E. Longmire attended the annual meeting of the Wainwright presbytery at Tofield on Wednes-day.

day.

A few more cases of mumps have developed during the past week. Our schools are back to normal operation again.

OTTAWA, February 23rd—Women university graduates and under graduates are needed for inspection work by the Inspection Board of the United Kingdom and Canada, it was announced today. Recruiting of some 600 or more girls and women between 20 and 40, who have had advanced training in mathematics, chemistry or radio, will begin at once, it was stated. The girls will be given responsible positions inspecting gunbarrels, gun carriage parts, fire control instruments and radio parts Already 250 are doing such work in plants all across Canada. "The girls will not wear a dazzling uniform," said Major-General R. F. Lock, Inspector-General, "They will not get their photographs in the paper. They won't march behind brass bands. Instead they will work 48 hours a week in a factory. But they will have the satisfaction of doing work that is essential to the winning of the war."

Candidates for the positions, said the Inspector-General, must be.

DR. WRIGHT QUITS

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HEALTH UNIT

At a meeting of the board of the
Holden Health Unit held Friday,
Dr. Wright's resignation was discussed and accepted. The doctor
will leave at the end of the week
to take charge of the hospital at
Athabasca, a position he formerly
occupied.—Holden Herald.

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coffee stains from table linen. Rub
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the usual way.

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